

Edison Is Said to Work Seven Days a Week and From 12 to 18 Hours a Day and Seems to Have No Trouble Keeping the Wolf From the Door

TURKS INFORMED  
BRITAIN WILL HOLD  
TO MOSUL VALLEY

Curzon Says Rich Oil Region Will Be Retained

DECISION UNALTERABLE  
Will Not Be Affected by Prolongation of Conference at Lausanne

Lausanne, Dec. 27.—(By the Associated Press)—Lord Curzon today informed Turkey that Great Britain will never abandon the Mosul Oil valley as requested by the Turkish delegation. No prolongation of the Near East conference, he said, can influence the British government to recede from that stand.

The straits problem still remains unsettled; the allies are striving to arrange some formula for a general collective guarantee that Turkey will not be subjected to foreign aggression. The Turks decline to grant jurisdiction to the straits control commission over the zones of demilitarization as requested by the allies. There is a general expectation, however, that the straits question will be solved, although Russia's ultimate attitude remains a mystery.

SEEKING BERGDOLL  
ON PACIFIC COAST

Deserter Reported to Have Left Germany Bound for United States

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 27.—Search for Greider Cleveland Bergdoll, who escaped in May, 1920, while serving a five-year sentence for desertion from the United States army and who had been reported on a German vessel bound for the Pacific coast, was set afoot here Monday night by a report that he had been seen in a restaurant. L. Saver Hamilton, proprietor, told people that one of three men who ate in his cafe looked very much like published pictures of Bergdoll and bore a scrutiny unceasingly.

## SOUTH DORSET

Ernest Grogore of Barre is a guest of friends in town.

Schools in town reopen next Tuesday for the winter term.

John Burcell of Albany was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tully Friday.

Andrew McDevitt of Rutland was a holiday guest of his father, Andrew McDevitt, Sr.

Miss Regina Bowen was a holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bowen of East Dorset.

Miss Gertrude C. Tully of East Dorset is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tully during vacation.

Miss Charlotte Burns of New York city was a holiday guest of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coch and Miss Agnes Burns of New York city are holiday guests of Mrs. Julia Burns.

Miss Hazel Sheldon of Albany, was a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Colvin Sheldon during the holidays.

Miss Susan Molloy of New York city was a guest over the holidays of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Molloy.

James Burns of U. V. M. and William Burns of Schenectady, were holiday guests of their mother, Mrs. Julia Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Scholander and children of Manchester Depot are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McDevitt and family.

Mrs. John J. Burcell of Albany, and Miss Mary A. Tully of Washington, D. C., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tully during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Molloy, Miss Susan Molloy, Edward and John Molloy were guests Christmas day of Miss Bridget McLaughlin of East Dorset.

Bring your old rubbers, boots or overcoats to be repaired, to look equal to new at the Vermont Shoe Repairing Shop at 193 North street.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR SALE—One Dodge roadster, one Hudson Superstar, seven passenger, and one Oakland coupe. Bert Saunders, 204 North street.

FOR SALE—Baby stroller, with leather top, in first class condition. Will sell cheap if taken at once. Inquire of E. S. Durfee, North Bennington, Vt.

FOR SALE—Fah heavy work horses, 9 and 10 years old, kind and true. Harness and wagon set with team. Inquire of Bert H. Saunders, 204 North street, Phone 195-7.

FOR SALE—Lyon and heater for a hot water tank. Mr. W. S. Boynton, 77-79.

TO RENT—A furnished bedroom for one or two persons. Gentlemen preferred. Apply 249 Union street.

TO RENT—Four room apartment, steam heat and hot water, all modern improvements. Centrally located. Inquire at 128 North St.

TO RENT—Large room for two, mod. conv. conveniences. Apply to Mrs. John Mayhew, McGill street, Tel. 253-11.

WANTED—Sewing by the day. Write Box 216 or Tel. 193-16.

BOOTLEGGERS HAD  
THRIVING TRADE  
IN WASHINGTON

Wettest Christmas Since Amendment Became Effective

MANY DRUNKS ARRESTED  
Unusual Moisture Furnishes Incentive for Reorganization of Dry Forces

Washington, Dec. 27.—The Capital enjoyed its wettest Christmas since prohibition went into effect.

Despite the precautions against the importation of liquor, all the trucks of the wet fleet seemed to have reached Washington safely and the bootleggers' exchange reports a record-breaking volume of trade at satisfactory prices.

The police blotters, an unflinching barometer of the alcoholic precipitation indicate that the curb market, which includes the distribution of illicit corn whiskey from nearby farms and other moonshine sources, was equally active.

On Saturday there were 72 arrests for drunkenness, Sunday saw 39 and yesterday's record, while not yet completed, indicates about 100. As nobody able to navigate is interfered with, it is evident that the moisture compares with that of pre-Prohibition Christmas.

The moisture of Christmas has furnished an incentive to the enforcement unit to seek a drier new year. The unit is to be reorganized on January 1, while municipalities have been informed the government gives them a free rein in making raids and arrests.

In the reorganization, it is proposed to change numerous agents to the narcotic division with instructions to camp on the trail of the drug purveyors.

In this change, E. C. Yellowley, who is now acting head of the New York force, is expected to receive a permanent appointment in succession to Director Day.

## AT THE TOWN FARM

Christmas Party Given by Ladies Saturday Afternoon

A Christmas party was given at the Town Farm Saturday afternoon for the men and women of the home. Victrola music was enjoyed and other selections including a solo by Miss Edna Loomis, organ selections by Miss Louise Graves and violin selections by Miss Dorothy McGinnis of North Bennington.

A very attractive Christmas tree had been procured and decorated by Mr. and Mrs. Harbour. The tree was laden with gifts for all, and one special gift had been planned for each person.

Much interest had been taken in this Christmas entertainment by the different societies and individuals in the community. Miss Jane Alden was present to distribute the garments from the Red Cross in North Bennington. Miss Margaret McGinnis, Mrs. Arthur Parten and Miss Mollie Callahan represented the Catholic Daughters of America with a large Christmas basket. Gifts were presented by Mrs. Homer Webster from the King's Daughters, and contributions for the tree were received from the ladies of the Old First church and the Girls' club in Old Bennington. Others who contributed were Mrs. H. E. Bradford, Mrs. Arthur Holden, Mrs. Guy B. Johnson, Miss Louise Graves, Miss Edna Loomis, Miss Florence Mosher, and George R. Mathers.

Christmas cheer and happiness most certainly had been brought to the inmates of the home, and Mrs. Harbour completed the afternoon's pleasure by serving an oyster supper.

GENERAL ELECTRIC BONUS

Extra Payment to Employees Receiving \$4,000 or Less

Schenectady, Dec. 27.—The General Electric Company announced Monday that supplementary compensation equaling per cent on earnings for the six months ending Dec. 31, would be paid on or about Feb. 1 to each employee receiving \$4,000 or less per year who has completed five years of continuous service at the close of the year and who is still in the employ of the company at the date of distribution of the extra compensation.

The official statement says: "The payments will be made to employees in one-year 7 per cent. investment bonds in \$10 units or multiples thereof and the balance, if any, in cash. The payment is made in bonds in the hope that it may become part of the savings instead of being used for current expenditures."

Gerard Stroppe, President of the company, says in the statement that no change in the policy of paying supplementary compensation will be made without one year's notice, but that a change may at any time be made with notice in the character of securities in which such supplementary compensation is paid.

## HITS VERMONT CORN

Borer Quarantine Established by State of Illinois

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 27.—A quarantine, effective January 5, was placed by Governor Small today on corn shipped into Illinois from numerous states including New York and Vermont because of the presence in those states of the European corn borer.

LANDLORD FAILED TO WARM...  
HOMES GIVEN SIXTY DAYS.

New York, Dec. 27.—Jacob Solotoff, owner of four apartment houses extending east from Fifth avenue, yesterday was sentenced to the Tombs for 60 days on the charge of failure to warm the homes of his 72 tenant families. He was unable to pay a \$600 fine imposed by Magistrate George Simpson.

In keeping with an announcement he made in court last week, Magistrate Simpson refused to entertain the landlord's plea that he had been unable to buy coal.

"It is apparent," the court said, "that this defendant did nothing but wait until winter was upon us. It is not enough for a landlord to say that he cannot get coal now. The question, 'Did he make any effort when he first learned that there was going to be a coal shortage?' The evidence indicates that this landlord gave no thought whatever to these tenants."

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'DIVINE' SARAH HAS  
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Paris, Dec. 27.—(By the Associated Press)—Sarah Bernhardt's condition took a turn for the worse today. Physicians attending her to relapse after her activity yesterday when she arose from the bed, partook of solid food, and received many callers.

## DESLAURIER-SHULTZ

Bennington Young People Married Tuesday Morning

Miss Anna Shultz, daughter of Albert Shultz of Main street and William Deslaurier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Deslaurier of Adams street, were married Tuesday morning at the Sacred Heart rectory by Rev. Father Van at 10 o'clock. The bride was attended by Miss Nora Kearns while Frank O'Toole was best man.

Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the groom. The guests included a few immediate friends and relatives and Holland Rutledge and Miss Mollie Saxton of North Adams.

Following the wedding breakfast the bridal party motored to Manchester Depot where dinner was served at the Battenkill Inn. From there Mr. and Mrs. Deslaurier left for Montreal where they will spend their honeymoon.

On their return they are to live at 910 Main street. The young couple were the recipients of many beautiful gifts including cut glass, silver, china, etc. The bride's gift to her attendant was a gold ring and that of the groom to the best man was an Elk's pin.

Mr. Deslaurier owns a cigar and candy store on Main street while Mr. Deslaurier was formerly employed by the Bennington Hosiery Company. Both have scores of friends who wish them happiness and prosperity.

## K. OF C. CIRCUS LOOMS LARGE

One of the Best Entertainments of Year Promised

By all indications the circus to be staged by the Knights of Columbus at Library hall for one week commencing January 1, will be the biggest show that Bennington will have this season. There will be acrobats, tumblers, acrobats, bag punchers, clowns, and all that goes to make up a first class circus performance.

No expense is being spared by the Knights of Columbus to make this circus a success, and already the advance sale of tickets is going along at a rapid stride.

There will be dancing each evening in addition to the circus performance, and a good time is promised to every one attending.

## SHAFTSBURY

School closed Friday for a two weeks vacation.

Miss Gertrude Bates visited relatives in Bennington Thursday.

Miss Prudence Hulet was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hulet recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barney spent Christmas with relatives in North Bennington.

Mrs. Sarah Hanson of Pittsfield spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hulet.

Miss Jessie Hulet is spending her vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hulet.

Mrs. Lester Woodard and daughter, Florence, expect to move after the holidays to South Shaftsbury where they will live for the winter.

Christmas was observed in the depot school Thursday evening with appropriate exercises, a Christmas tree and with Santa Claus to present the gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Randall entertained for Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sisco of South Shaftsbury and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whitman of North Bennington.

Mrs. Vincent Allen and son are spending several days with Mrs. Allen's parents, Mr. Allen, who came up to spend Christmas has returned to his home in Housick Falls.

Homer Harrington of Bennington, who has been spending his vacation at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Harrington, returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Nellie Montgomery, who has been spending several weeks visiting relatives and friends in the east, returned Friday to the home of her daughter in Urbana, Ill.

The community meeting held at the church hall Wednesday night was a success and enjoyed by a large number. The reels of moving pictures shown about apples, spuds, sheep and dairying were instructive to everybody. Prof. H. A. D. Stegert, who spoke about poultry was an excellent speaker. The meeting is considered one of the most instructive ever held here by the farm bureau association.

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STATE MUST FIGHT  
TO ARRAIGN MCKOIN

Baltimore, Dec. 27.—(By the Associated Press)—A writ of habeas corpus for Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge arrested here yesterday on the charge of murder was obtained today.

The writ was issued by Judge James P. Carter and made returnable immediately. Following his arrest, Doctor McKoin obtained counsel and announced that he would fight any attempt to extradite him.

## POWNA

Samuel Wolschleger is spending the holidays with his mother.

Mrs. Harry Wilson is at the North Adams hospital for treatment.

Mary E. Wolschleger has returned from a month's visit with friends in New York.

The Methodist Sunday school held their Christmas tree and concert on Saturday night.

Mrs. C. O. Hurt and children are spending two weeks with relatives in New Haven, Conn.

John May, who is at the Amsterdam hospital as the result of a serious accident is on the road to recovery.

The Baptist Sunday school held their Christmas exercises and tree Tuesday night. A fine program was given.

Wilson Rathbun has closed "Right-holm" and moved to "Sunrise Acres", the farm they recently purchased of J. M. Thompson.

Miss Christine Brown is home from Housick for her vacation.

The topic for next Sunday morning service will be "Opportunity."

Mrs. Cain of Readshore spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Canedy.

Paul Sanford and friend are spending their Christmas at R. G. Sanford's.

Mr. and Mrs. Cain and Mrs. Weber are visiting at the home of C. D. Houghton.

Mrs. Serbia Brown and daughter, Miss Jessie Brown, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown.

Miss Mabel Bishop of East Northfield, is spending her Christmas vacation at home. Miss Elizabeth Dickens is her guest.

Little Catherine Sweet, who was badly scalded recently by the upsetting of a teakettle of boiling water, is getting along very nicely.

Mrs. C. Holden, who has been in Cheshire for several weeks returned home Friday. Her son, Carl Holden, came home from the Polytechnical college in Worcester to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Schlemenz.

## Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who assisted us during the sickness and death of our sister, especially those who sent flowers and mass cards, and those who kindly donated their automobiles.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Schlemenz.

LAST SURVIVOR OF CUSTER'S  
COMMAND BURIED TODAY

New York, Dec. 27.—John Martin, who claimed to be the last survivor of the Custer massacre on the Little Big Horn was buried today in Cypress Hills cemetery. He died in a Brooklyn hospital Sunday at the age of 69.

Mr. Martin was a trumpeter and dispatch bearer for General Custer, and was one of the little handful of men who escaped when Rann-in-the-Face and Sitting Bull sent their braves against Custer's men.

Mr. Martin enlisted in the 7th cavalry in 1874, serving through much of the Indian fighting and through the Spanish war. He is survived by his widow and eight children.

I. C. C. WILL PROBE  
CAR SITUATION

Washington, Dec. 27.—(By the Associated Press)—An investigation to determine whether adequate stocks of locomotives and cars are in the possession of the American railroads and whether practices controlling the use and exchange of equipment are sufficient was ordered today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

LOW WATER HAMPER  
ELECTRIC POWER PLANTS

Brattleboro, Dec. 27.—Because there was little rainfall last autumn before the ground froze there is now a serious shortage of water for the development of electrical power at the hydroelectric plants in southeastern Vermont, as well as a shortage on the farms for the use of stock. The warm weather for the past few days has made no noticeable difference at the Vernon plant of the Connecticut River Power Co. on the Connecticut River or the electric stations of the New England Power Co. on the Deerfield river, and it is said at those plants that no relief is anticipated until the January thaw.

Not in several years has the water in the Connecticut been as low as now. At the power plant in Vernon there are 10 electrical units, two of 5,000 horsepower each and eight of 3,000 horsepower each. The company could market full capacity night and day if it had water to develop that much power, but under present conditions it is able to run only seven units during the day and only three at night. In the daytime the two 5,000-horsepower units and five 3,000-horsepower units are used, but at night all but the large units and five small units are shut down in order that the reservoir may fill.

To help out in the emergency the company's auxiliary steam plants are being used, and power is being furnished by other concerns which have steam plants, under a reciprocal arrangement.

The New England Power Co. is drawing on its big reservoir in Somers at the headwaters of the Deerfield river, 100 cubic feet of water per second, day and night, for five or six weeks. There have been times when the Somers reservoir was lower than now, but not for several years.

Cold weather has interfered somewhat with the work on the new big earth dam which the New England Power Co. is building on the Deerfield at Whitingham. The organization there, embracing four different concerns, has been reduced to between 400 and 500 men, whereas it has been high as nearly 700 men. The work of building the core of the dam cannot be carried on when the temperature is below freezing.

At the West Dummerston power plant of the Twin State Gas & Electric Co. of Brattleboro, which has a capacity of about 750 horsepower, only about one-third of the capacity is being developed. The company uses around 1,300 horsepower, and what it does not develop at its own plant is obtained from the plant of the Connecticut River Power Co. at Vernon. The West Dummerston plant is located on the West river, which is the lowest it has been in years.

## VOLUNTEERS EASY

Green Tigers Fattened Their Averages Last Evening

The volunteers proved easy picking for the Green Tigers last evening, the leaders in the ten pin tournament securing five points. Pilling rolled 207 for high single and 525 for high total. The score:

Green Tigers.

W. Harwood 148 139 168 555

O. Harwood 154 131 187 472

Mullory 152 149 151 452

Harvey 162 161 188 511

Pilling 207 162 162 531

Totals 855 597 826 2192

Volunteers.

Page 174 141 121 436

Percey 158 152 170 480

Chamberlain 150 149 139 438

Pineau 161 143 152 456

Totals 694 605 724 2023

## WEATHER FORECAST

Snow or rain tonight and Thursday. Colder Thursday, increasing winds with possibility of dangerous gales Thursday morning.

## MARRYING JOES SOUGHT

This Justice of the Peace Guarantees His Knots.

Marysville, N. Y., Dec. 27.—George F. Herzog, justice of the peace, is advertising as a "marrying justice."

He has inserted an advertisement in the newspapers intended to attract those matrimonially inclined, as follows:

"Are you about to get married? If so see me. Knots tied that even Goliath, the strong man, could not break asunder. George F. Herzog, justice of the peace. At your service day or night."

BIG HEART BALM  
VERDICT HEARING  
WAS POSTPONED

Motion to Set Aside \$465,000 Award Was Continued

CLAIM JURY PREJUDICED  
Attorneys for Husband's Parents Assert Amount Awarded Dorrit Is Excessive

Burlington, Dec. 27.—Arguments on the motion to set aside the \$465,000 verdict for the plaintiff in the \$1,000,000 alienation suit which Mrs. Dorrit Van Deusen Stevens Woodhouse were not heard yesterday as intended but will probably be taken up later in the week.

The verdict was awarded young Mrs. Charles Douglas Woodhouse after a sensational trial, which lasted five weeks, the decision coming only after the jury had been closed for many hours. The sum is said to be the largest ever given in a case of this nature and attorneys for the defense protested on the grounds that it was excessive. They made an immediate motion to have the verdict set aside, claiming that the jury was prejudiced against the defendant.

Dorrit Stevens Van Deusen Woodhouse's suit for \$1,000,000 was the last chapter in a wartime romance which, flourishing while Douglas Woodhouse was in the army, went into a decline shortly after the ceremony and the ending of the war.

Dorrit contended throughout the trial that the loss of her husband's love was due to the machinations of his parents; that they never regarded her as a member of the family and used every means possible to bring about an estrangement.

Through the story was woven a recollection of testimony which linked the names of Douglas and Mrs. Lillian MacClellan of Washington.

Douglas is now in Reno, Nev., attempting to obtain a decree of divorce.

## AUTOMOBILE FOR PASTOR

Gift of Parishioners to Rev. John L. Cole

The residents at the Methodist parsonage, 129 Pleasant street, were given a complete surprise Saturday night by receipt of a letter signed by F. L. Bottom, with 49 other names appended, reading as follows: "Dear Mr. Cole: The people whose names are given on the attached sheet wish Mrs. Cole, yourself and the children a very happy Christmas, and as a more substantial token of their good will are presenting you with an automobile which they trust will be acceptable to you in your pastoral work and prove a source of pleasure to your family."

Mr. Cole at the evening service Sunday expressed the deep gratitude felt by himself and family, and earnest desire to use the gift so as to render better service as pastor to the parish which had, after so brief a term of acquaintance and ministry, made so liberal a gift.

Some of the characteristics of Jesus' ministry will be the pastor's topic at the mid-week service tomorrow evening at the Methodist Episcopal church. This hour meeting in the midst of the week is being found by those who frequent it to be a good place to grow a clean and Christian character.

At a unique and impressive "White Gift Christmas" service conducted at the church school house, Christmas Sunday, the members of the Methodist Episcopal church gave \$264 for "others." The Near East relief received \$50, the centenary, \$44, local charity \$8, and the Williamsville Home for Methodist children \$164. Besides this amount given as "substance," eight gifts of "self" and "31 of service" were made.

## PERU

C. E. Beckwith spent the holidays with his family in Manchester.

Miss Marjorie Lyon is home for a week's vacation from Saxtons River.

Miss Mary Pierce is spending a few days at her home in South Londonderry.

James Farnum is at home from Burr and Burton sanitarium for the holiday vacation.

Mrs. Ellen Burroughs is spending her Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Simonds.

Harry West left on Thursday morning for California where he will spend the rest of the winter with Mrs. West and daughter.

Mrs. Effie Russell went to Waterville, Me., Saturday for a vacation. Her sister, Miss Adelaide, is looking after the Russell Inn during her absence.

D. K. Millington returned from Cleveland, Ohio, where he went on a business trip on Friday evening. Mrs. Millington, who has been spending a few weeks in Chicago, returned with him.

The Christmas tree at the church was well attended. The exercises by the school children, in charge of the teacher, Miss Twitchell, were well rendered, and a pleasant evening was spent by those who attended.

S. R. Lyons has recently completed his amateur radio set which is working very successfully. Louisville, Ky., was heard quite clearly one evening, and several church services were picked up Sunday morning and Sunday evening.

Send a New Year's greeting to those who sent you Xmas cards. To be had at Evans'.

PERMANENT ROAD  
THROUGH POWNAL  
TO BE DISCUSSED

Officials to Be Guests of Village Officers Tomorrow

COM. DIX TO BE PRESENT  
Meeting Will Follow Dinner to Be Served at the Putnam House at 1:30

Commissioner Thurman W. Dix and a Federal representative will be in Bennington tomorrow to attend the meeting called for the purpose of considering the 1923 road program in the town of Bennington and Pownal.

The meeting will also be attended by the Bennington county senators, representatives of the several towns in the southwestern corner of the state, by the selectmen of Pownal and Bennington and a number of invited guests.

Some time ago tentative assurances were received from the state highway department that permanent construction on the road leading from Bennington through Pownal to the Massachusetts line would be made a part of the state program in 1923 and the meeting tomorrow has been brought about by Bennington village officials for the purpose of discussing some of the details involved in the proposed work.

The Pownal road is recognized as one of the principal gateways of tourist travel into Vermont and Commissioner Dix has canceled that the highway is entitled to serious consideration by the department.

Through the construction of the small link of concrete road on West Main street by the village of Bennington last season and the laying of concrete through the principal streets of Old Bennington in 1921 this corner of the state has been connected with hard surface systems leading into New York and the next natural step is to open the way for tourist travel from Massachusetts and southern New England by the way of Pownal.

No proposal under consideration at the present time, in the opinion of those who have given it some thought, would act as a greater inducement to tourist travel on the western half of the state than the construction of the Pownal link. Much of the road between Bennington and Rutland and from Rutland northward has been put into a comfortable condition, by far the greater portion of it in better shape than the highway between Bennington and the Massachusetts line. To build southward from Bennington appears to be the logical course for the promotion of tourist business through Western Vermont.

Many of those intending to be present at the meeting tomorrow